

Wm. J. F. Clark

Boston, July 2, 1849.

My dear Mr. Estlin,

My old School-fellow, my College Class-mate, my associate in theological studies, and my good friend at all times, the Rev. James Freeman Clarke sails this week for England, and a brief visit to the Continent. Permit me to introduce him to your acquaintance and friendship, as one to whom you will not regret giving both. Mr. Clarke was a principal contributor to the "Christian World", and at one time its Editor - a paper which came nearer doing, what a true Christian journal should do, respecting the heinous sins of this nation, than any other of the commonly-reputed "religious" papers of the land. Mr. Clarke has been for fifteen years one of the <sup>most</sup> active and untiring of our ministers - for several years in Kentucky, and latterly in Boston. He has not been afraid or ashamed to stand, at times, with the hated abolitionists, though (I am sorry to say) he does not fully assent to all our principles - upon which however I need not enlarge, as his own frankness will withhold nothing on these points. I very much hope that he may have time to visit Bristol, and see



yourself and other Bristol friends. His health  
has been much impaired for the last year, but  
we trust he will be better when he lands on your  
shores, & when he returns to us again.

With sincere respect, as ever,

I remain, Yours

Samuel May jr